

Troopers Continue to Investigate Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision- Milford

Milford, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred Wednesday morning in Milford.

On July 28, 2021, at approximately 9:00 a.m., a 2009 Toyota Prius was traveling northbound on Canterbury Road approaching Deer Valley Road. A 2006 Peterbilt Truck Tractor pulling a trailer was traveling southbound on Canterbury Road, just southeast of Deer Valley Road. As the Toyota Prius traveled northbound, it crossed the double solid yellow line and partially entered the opposing travel lane. The 64-year-old male operator of the Peterbilt Truck Tractor was unable to avoid a collision, and the left front of the Peterbilt Truck Tractor collided with the left front of the Toyota Prius within the southbound lane. Following the initial impact, the Toyota Prius was redirected into a northwest direction. As the Toyota Prius rotated, the 33-year-old female operator was not seat belted and was ejected from the vehicle. The Toyota and operator came to rest on the grass shoulder of the northbound lane.

Following the initial impact, the Peterbilt Truck Tractor sustained severe damage and the operator was unable to steer the truck or trailer. The Truck eventually exited the southbound lane, traveled across the northbound lane, and off the northeast edge of the roadway. The truck struck several trees and came to rest in a wooded area just off the roadway.

The operator of the Prius is from Lincoln, DE. She was pronounced deceased on scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The operator of the Peterbilt Truck Tractor Trailer was from Milford, DE. He was not injured in the collision.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information should contact Sgt. John Wheatley by calling 302-697-4454.

Canterbury Road will remain closed for an extended period due to roadway repairs and cleanup. For up-to-date information, please visit:
http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at Debra.Reed@delaware.gov.

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